

Ashfield Allotment Association

Treasurer **Joe Roper**

President **Eric Shaw**

Chairman **Daniel Barrington**

Minutes of meeting held Sunday 12th April 2015, 1100am

Present: John Byrne, Colin Langeveld, Neill Davies, Ken Hines, Marilyn Gray, Terry Wilson, Eddie Wilson. Joan Langeveld - Minutes writer

1. Apologies: Daniel Barrington, John Morris, Joe Roper

2. Minutes of last committee meeting:

Amend item 9 para 1, to read plot 32B (not plot 32A)

Amend item 9 para 2, to read plot 70A (not plot 72A)

Otherwise agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

Richie Ballard has now advised John B that the bees have gone from his plot. He does not intend to keep bees again on our site.

4 Correspondence:

(a) Letter received from [REDACTED] she asked if she could swap her plot 56B, and take 56 A. (Note: Sherrell now has health problems, and she & Alan have said they will give up 56A soon).

Committee discussed and all agreed that instant 'swaps' would only be approved in very exceptional circumstances.

This requests was not approved. Tenants may not move from a poorly tended plot to a reasonable plot. [REDACTED]

(b) Letter received from [REDACTED]. He has various health issues, including a hernia.

May not be able to do heavy work at the plot for a while. Will try to get friends to help him.

5. Membership Report (as previously advised).

Ref plot 61. This was re-assessed and it was agreed by all that [REDACTED], should be allowed to take on 61B. The plot would become full plot 61. No additional rent payable this year.

6. Treasurer's report: no report was available .

7. Update on works for standpipes and taps /barbed wire:

There was no update available from Joe.

All present had agreed with suggestions as shown in previous minutes, item 8. JOE.

8. Any Other Business:

a. Confirm Open Day - Saturday 9th May.

DANIEL - (Note: Sunday had previously been mentioned but it may have been an error)?

b. DANIEL - Any idea when will we receive the council compost?

c. ref: [REDACTED]. JOAN will phone him today to ask for his key, and offer refund.

d. Skip required. JOAN to phone Alan M soon, but if council won't pay we will pay to hire skip, ASAP. John B offered to be the contact No.

e. John B suggested we should have a lockable post at the entrance to the main pathway, and urge people to use it only when absolutely necessary to unload their vehicles.

Cars regularly use the path and stay parked. Constant use is eroding the borders of adjacent plots. After discussion KEN agreed to make enquiries regarding options and costs of post, and would forward details to committee to decide.

f. Ref plot inspections/letters. (Also discussed last year) Reminder to avoid so many discussions, and therefore delays in posting warning letters after plot inspections.

JOHN M, are you still willing to send letters and keep records?

g. See also AOB previous minutes, item 9 para 1, Ref : [REDACTED] (new 17th Feb).

The hen coop seems to be completed. TERRY offered to make notices for the boards regarding permission to keep hens, which would include reference to a 6 month period by plot tenant.

h. Marilyn asked if there had recently been a plot inspection, (there had not), as she had been told by a friend in the flats that 2 men were walking on her plot recently.

i. Terry & Eddie think there may be a security risk at the back of their plot.

9. Date and time of next meeting:

Sunday 26th April 1100am. Specifically to discuss arrangements for the Open Day.

Meeting closed at 12 15pm